



Tuesday, January 8, 2013 1:00 p.m.
General Assembly Building, House Room D

The Joint Commission on Technology and Science held its final meeting of the 2012 Interim on January 8, 2013. The only items of business were the receipt of reports from JCOTS' four advisory committees, and adoption of recommendations for the year.

The Electronic Meetings Advisory Committee, chaired by Delegate Joe T. May, had one legislative recommendation that would amend the electronic meetings provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to allow regional public bodies to hold electronic meetings and would eliminate the requirement that a public body hold at least one meeting a year that does not use electronic communications. The Advisory Committee also recommended that the study of electronic meetings be continued during the 2012 Interim, and that JCOTS develop and conduct a pilot program to study and use a variety of technologies to conduct electronic meetings. Upon a motion made by Delegate May that JCOTS adopt these recommendations, and seconded by Delegate John Cosgrove, the recommendations were unanimously adopted.

The Energy Advisory Committee, chaired by Delegate John Cosgrove, reported that it received presentations on a variety of technologies and issues. While the committee had no formal recommendations, Delegate Cosgrove made a motion that the advisory committee continue in the 2013 Interim. Delegate May seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

The Cybersecurity Advisory Committee, chaired by Delegate Tom Rust, reported that it held two meetings during the Interim to begin to learn about cyber security issues. Through the work of the diverse group of individuals serving on the advisory committee, the conversation ultimately focused on a need to further explore cybersecurity at the state and local government level. Upon a motion by Delegate Rust, and seconded by Senator Janet Howell,

JCOTS unanimously voted to continue the Cybersecurity Advisory Committee during the 2013 Interim.

Finally, the Identity Management Advisory Committee, chaired by Senator John Watkins, reported that it gathered an abundance of information regarding identity management efforts within the public and private sector. The committee had hoped to explore legislation regarding private sector liability issues for identity credential issuers, but ran out of time. Upon motion by Delegate Cosgrove, and seconded by Senator Howell, JCOTS unanimously voted to continue the Identity Management Advisory Committee during the 2013 Interim.
